

THE SENATE

Wednesday, October 19, 1977

The Senate met at 2 p.m., the Speaker in the Chair.
Prayers.

HOUSE OF COMMONS

SENATE GALLERY

The Hon. the Speaker: Honourable senators who wish to sit in the Senate Gallery of the House of Commons are requested to use the north corridor to gain access to the gallery because the south corridor is under repair.

DOCUMENTS TABLED

Senator Perrault tabled:

Report on the activities of the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) for the fiscal year 1976-77, pursuant to section 3 of the Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations Act, Chapter F-26, R.S.C., 1970.

Report of the Superintendent of Insurance for Canada, Volume I, Abstract of Statements of Insurance Companies in Canada, for the year ended December 31, 1976, pursuant to section 8 of the Department of Insurance Act, Chapter I-17, R.S.C., 1970.

SPEECH FROM THE THRONE

TERMINATION OF DEBATE ON ADDRESS IN REPLY ON EIGHTH SITTING DAY

Senator Langlois: Honourable senators, with leave of the Senate and notwithstanding rule 45(1)(i), I move, seconded by Senator Perrault:

That the proceedings on the order of the day for resuming the debate on the motion for an Address in reply to Her Majesty the Queen's Speech from the Throne addressed to both Houses of Parliament be concluded on the eighth sitting day on which the order is debated.

Motion agreed to.

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HEATING OF OFFICES—QUESTION

Senator Forsey: Honourable senators, I wonder if I might ask the Leader of the Government a question with relation to the heat, or lack of it, in certain offices? I thoroughly agree with the policy of conserving energy, but I think we might also do a little to conserve senators. I find that there is at least one

other senator having the same experience as I, that is that the office is very chilly.

Hon. Senators: Hear, hear.

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, the Honourable Senator Forsey has correctly ascertained that there is a concerted effort on the part of the government to conserve energy. Allegations have been made—allegations not confined to members of this chamber—that some of the building temperatures being maintained may be somewhat lower than those levels necessary for human survival. I wish to assure the honourable senator that an inquiry will go forward and I shall bring his observations to the attention of the appropriate authorities.

Senator Flynn: Who are the appropriate authorities?

BUSINESS OF THE SENATE

LEGISLATION—QUESTION

Senator Olson: Can the Leader of the Government give us today, or very shortly, an indication of the magnitude of the number of bills that the government intends to initiate in this chamber during this session?

Senator Perrault: Honourable senators, that is a matter for discussion. I hope that at some time before we adjourn this week, information can be made available to members of the Senate in that respect. There are indications, on the basis of the gracious Speech delivered yesterday by Her Majesty the Queen, that this will be a very busy and productive session for all of us.

Senator Flynn: You should move the motion for an Address in reply.

RULES OF THE SENATE

AMENDMENTS

Senator Molson: Honourable senators, before the Orders of the Day are called, I wonder if I might have leave to call your attention to the fact that you will find in your desks today a revised copy of the Rules of the Senate.

It will be recalled that the rules were revised during the last session, and it was agreed that the revisions would become effective with the opening of the new session, which was yesterday. The amendments will be easily identified, and I would suggest that if you do not have a particular reason for retaining your old copy of the rules you leave that copy on your desk at the end of today's sitting so that it may be picked up and returned to the Law Clerk. From this point on the